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1. [ ] information began to be received from Lithuania to the effect that Soviet military authorities were constructing bases, storehouses, and testing areas for rockets. These areas were reported to be both in the middle of the country and along the coast.

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2. [ ] confirmation of these reports and more details were received from Telsiai, Lithuania. According to this report, the Soviets had rebuilt and placed partly underground an unstated number of former German military warehouses.\* Beyond the Venta River, about seven kilometers north of Mazeikiai (56-18N, 22-21E), a large number of military warehouses and an airfield were constructed. In this development there were five groups of underground buildings. The airfield had four concrete runways. This development, or military base, was being guarded by a detachment of soldiers from the Mazeikiai garrison.

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3. [ ] a second report was received on the air base near Mazeikiai. This report stated that four trainloads of equipment were brought from Lepaya to the airfield near Mazeikiai and unloaded there. The first train arrived in April and consisted of twenty-four flat cars and six box cars. It contained wooden boxes, 2 x 2 x 1.5 meters, [ ]

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[ ] The boxes were loaded onto tractor-drawn military trailers in Mazeikiai and driven to the Venta air base.

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4. The second and third trains arrived about [ ] each consisted of thirty cars, both box and flat. They carried cylinders of an undescribed metal, 1 to 1.5 meters long and about 70 cm in diameter. These trains also carried motor parts, marked "Chernig. Uf" (sic; Chernig? Chernigov?) [ ]

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[ ] The fourth train unloaded at Siauliai (55-26N, 23-20E).

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5. [ ] states that he has been informed by railroad and Venta air base personnel that all four of these trains carried parts for German V-weapons. Soviet military authorities have given them the name "Rocket 4".

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6. According to a third report received in the period from February to June 1949, [redacted]

[redacted] rockets are stored at the Venta base and at the base in Kretinga (55-23N, 21-15E). They are for use at coastal installations in the Klaipeda-Isrutis area. They have the following characteristics:

Color: Gray  
Length: About 16 meters  
Diameter: About 90 cm  
Shape: Cylindrical, with sharp point about 1.5 meters long. Toward the base, the body tapers slightly, going into the tail. The tail is trapezoidal, about 30 cm wider than the body at the top and widening at the bottom, where it extends about a meter from the body.

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7. The following description of the fuel supply system of the rockets was received, [redacted] from personnel in the fueling section at the Venta base:

Type of fuel: Liquid  
Description of fuel: Alcohol, oxygen, and a third element [redacted] describes as nitrogen. This third element is kept in cylinders with an oval top. [redacted] not know the amount of pressure in the bottles. The number of bottles is reported variously as from eight to sixteen.\*\*

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Number of fuel reservoirs in the rocket: Two

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8. The liquid fuels and chemicals needed to load and to arm the rockets were brought by air transport from the coastal base of Baltisk between 1 and 20 June 1949. The planes, of either two or four motors, were marked "Dzerzhinsk" and "II-9". [redacted] there were no rocket trials at the Venta base during this time.

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9. [redacted] report from the Kaunas-Isrutis-Labguva area between 10 and 30 June 1948, stating that, during that month, about one hundred fifty rockets of the Matter type and two hundred rockets of unknown construction were brought from Kaliningrad, East Prussia, to the airfield at Linsbergis\*\*\* near Kaunas. The first rocket trials undertaken by the Linsbergis base took place in May 1948 at the Labguva trial grounds, during fighter plane and submarine maneuvers at the Klaipeda base.

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[redacted] Comment: [redacted] a report which describes rockets of similar dimensions and which also speaks of Dzerzhinsk and Turinsk as the places of origin of materials observed at rocket bases in Lithuania. [redacted]

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[redacted] However, these two reports should not be taken as confirmation of each other, as there is a strong possibility that they are based on the same original set of data even though acquired at widely separated places

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[redacted] Comment: It is not clear whether [redacted] the warehouses are in or near Telsiai or whether he is merely speaking of warehouses in Lithuania in general.

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25X1A \* [redacted] Comment: Presumably the number of bottles placed in one rocket.

25X1A \* [redacted] report cited therein for information on Linsbergis.

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